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SUBJECT: THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS, PALAIS DE CHAILLOT, PARIS, NOVEMBER 11-16, 1957

FIRST SUMMARY REPORT (PRELIMINARY SESSIONS NOVEMBER 9, 10, 11 AND PLENARY, NOVEMBER 12)

FIRST PLENARY SESSION OPENED NOVEMBER 12, WITH 13 OF 15 NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS TOTALING 161. NO DELEGATION EXPECTED FROM PORTUGAL AND BECAUSE OF RECENT ELECTIONS IN TURKEY, TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO NAME DELEGATION. REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ALSO ATTENDING AS OBSERVERS.

US DELEGATION OF SEVEN SENATORS AND NINE REPRESENTATIVES ORGANIZED ITSELF SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL NOVEMBER 9, CHOOSING SENATOR GREEN AS CHAIRMAN TOTAL DELEGATION AND MAKING FOLLOWING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: POLITICAL, SALTONSTALL, KEFAUVER, LECOMPTE, SELDEN; MILITARY, HRUSKA, MCCARTHY, CANFIELD; GENERAL AFFAIRS, JAVITS, BECKER, HEALY; SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, JACKSON, KUCHEL, CORBETT, SMITH.

FOUR SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEES (POLITICAL, MILITARY, GENERAL AFFAIRS, AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL) HELD PRELIMINARY MEETINGS NOVEMBER 10 AND 11 TO CONSIDER REPORTS PREPARED BY PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECOND CONFERENCE. MAJOR PRESS INTEREST NOVEMBER 11 AND 12 CENTERED ON REPORT PREPARED FOR MILITARY COMMITTEE AND SENATOR JACKSON'S (US) SPECIAL REPORT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. (CONFERENCE PROCEDURE PROVIDES REPORTS GO FIRST TO COMMITTEES, ARE DEBATED IN PLENARY

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PLENARY SESSIONS, COMMITTEES THEN DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFERENCE ACTION. DECISIONS OF CONFERENCE WILL BE REACHED LAST TWO DAYS, NOVEMBER 15 AND 16.)

OPENING PLENARY NOVEMBER 12 ADDRESSED BY SENATOR JACKSON, AFTER CUSTOMARY PRELIMINARIES INCLUDING ELECTION FOLLOWING OFFICERS: PRESIDENT, COL. J. J. FENS (NETHERLANDS); VICE PRESIDENTS, J. F. VAN CAUWELAERT (BELGIUM), E. BONNEFOUS (FRANCE), FRITZ BERENDSEN (GERMANY); TREASURER, WALTER ELLIOT (UK) AND REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE HAYS (US).

SENATOR JACKSON ADDED TO EIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS OF HIS REPORT (CONF DOC 8A) DIRECTED TOWARD INCREASING NUMBER TRAINED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, TWO NEW PROPOSALS: ESTABLISHMENT OF NATO DEFENSE MISSILE TRAINING CENTRE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH ATLANTIC INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE STUDIES. SIZE OF PROGRAM ON EDUCATION TREBLED.

COMMENTS FOLLOWING ADDRESS GENERALLY APPROVING, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL NOT ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO REPORT. TWO SPEAKERS BELIEVED PROGRAM SHOULD BE WIDENED TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR PERSONS IN LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. WALTER ELLIOT (K) URGED CAUTION IN ASSUMING SCIENTISTS IN INDUSTRY WERE NECESSARILY COMPETENT TEACHERS OF SCIENCE, AND PLED FOR FREEDOM OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM POLITICAL PRESSURES. HE ALSO SUGGESTED SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL BE MADE A STANDING COMMITTEE. IN MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 12, JACKSON REPORT ENDORSED UNANIMOUSLY FOR PRESENTATION TO CONFERENCE.

PRESS ATTENTION TO DRAFT REPORT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS CONTROVERSIAL, HAS TAPERED OFF FOR TIME BEING AFTER UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF POINTED CANADIAN STATEMENT THAT REPORT NOT YET ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE OR CONFERENCE. FYI WE EXPECT IT TO BE CHANGED.

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